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[¶](#)1. (C) In a July 3 meeting, the Ambassador raised with Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim our interest in seeing Brazil recognize Kosovo's independence. Amorim said that Brazil's position had not changed with regard to the need to respect UNSC Resolution 1244 (ref b). However, Brazil's position is "under continual review," he said, and the new UN position with regard to Kosovo may make a difference. Amorim said that he had no problem with providing humanitarian assistance if funding is available, but Brazil could not do anything that would suggest recognition of Kosovo.

[¶](#)2. (SBU) In a separate meeting on July 3, PolCouns met with Ministry of External Relations (MRE) Eastern Europe Director Elizabeth-Sophie Mazzella di Bosco Balsa to urge Brazil again to recognize Kosovo's independence. Bosco said confirmed that Brazil's position was unchanged. She was unaware of the July 11 donors conference, and said she would pass the information to Brazil's embassy in Brussels. Note: The GOB, which refuses to be classified as a donor country, has an extremely limited "cooperation" budget that focuses largely on other Lusophone countries. Brazil does not generally provide debt relief because of domestic complications related to the debt of Brazilian states. End note.
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